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Opening of a new bus line from Vijayawada to Jayanti in Krishna district.

* 106 *Q.*—SRI V. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations were made to Government for the opening of a new bus line from Vijayawada to Jayanti or Peddapuram (in Krishna district); and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise; but I can tell the hon. Member that such matters are primarily the concern of the Regional Transport Authority who have to obtain the previous approval of the Central Road Traffic Board."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" May I ask, Sir, whether there is any proposal to open new bus lines in Krishna district? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know Sir, if the Government are prepared to give permission to persons who apply for opening a new bus line from Vijayawada to Jayanti? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I just now said, it is the duty of the Regional Transport Authority, and it is their right to decide whether a new line is necessary or not. An appeal against their decision lies to the Central Road Traffic Board. A revision petition on their decision lies to the Government. I would like the hon. Member to approach first the Regional Transport Authority and follow the usual procedure."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know from the Government whether they will recommend to their subordinate officers to give licences to those who apply for opening new lines? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is aware that the policy of the Government is to liberalise the grant of bus licences for new routes. Beyond that, the hon. Member will agree, it would not be correct for the Government to interfere in the working of the department."

SRI G. YALLAMANDA REDDI :—" Sir, are the Government sanctioning licences for bus routes wherever necessary, without delay? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have got to repeat the answer I gave already. All applications are considered by the Regional Transport Authority. If they feel that there is a necessity, the matter will certainly be expedited."

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Dr. K. B. Menon.:—" Sir, are there a large number of applications for new lines pending? For what reasons are applications for new lines rejected, and what is the percentage of rejections? "

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" Applications for new lines are usually rejected if the engineers say that the road is not fit to bear heavy traffic. As regards the percentage of rejections, I want notice."

Sri P. Ranga Reddi :—" Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister, may I ask, Sir, when a new route is opened as suggested by the Regional Transport Authority, is it the Central Road Traffic Board or the Transport Commissioner who should give approval? "

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" It is the Road Traffic Board. The decision of the Board is conveyed by the Transport Commissioner."

Sri B. K. Nallaswami :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that the pre-war bus routes have not yet been opened in Bhavani taluk and in some other places? "

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" Notice."

Industrial Housing Scheme.

* 107 *Q.*—Sri S. Vemiah : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme for constructing houses for industrial workers; and

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of each construction and the monthly instalment payable by an industrial worker?

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" (a) Though there is no industrial housing scheme of this Government, yet it is helping the implementation of the Industrial Housing Scheme of the Government of India in this State.

" (*b*) There is no specific limit laid down for the cost of each construction. The worker occupying the house has to pay 10 per cent of his wages subject to a limit of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the capital cost of the house."

Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu :—" May I know Sir, in how many cases have the Government helped this scheme? "

The Hon. Dr. U. Krishna Rao :—" In the year 1951, we were told that the Government of India were prepared to set apart a loan of Rs. 9 lakhs for this State to help people to put up industrial buildings. We have received applications from the Dalmia Cements, Lakshmi Mills, Koilpatti, Andhra Sugars, Tanuku, and the K.C.P., Vuyyuru. Out of these, the scheme of Dalmia Cements which comes to Rs. 6,25,000 for 100 houses at the rate of about Rs. 6,500 each, the scheme